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LB 377, 1157, 1220, 1232

Mr. President, in addition to those items, your Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and engrossed LB 377 and find the same correctly engrossed; LB 1157, correctly engrossed; LB 1220, correctly engrossed. (See pages 1665-66 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next amendment to the committee amendments on LB 1232 is an amendment by Senator Hall. Senator, I have AM2687 in front of me. (The Hall amendment appears on page 1631 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Clerk, would you read the amendment, please.

CLERK: (Read Senator Hall's amendment number 2687.)

SENATOR HALL: I'm sorry, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read Senator Hall's amendment.)

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, this amendment as read to you by the Clerk is an amendment that deals with the issue of how long a charitable organization, nonprofit organization, must be in existence in order to function in this area. The issue that we have before us in the committee amendments is one that's laid out as a five-year time frame, five years. Five years, I guess, based on the committee amendments, is a time when a charity suddenly becomes useful, suddenly becomes legitimate, suddenly becomes honest and suddenly becomes able to sell pickle cards for revenue. I don't know that five years is the magic time frame. I don't know that 10 years, as the Governor's bill would have had it, is a magic time frame. I don't know that there is a magic time frame with regard to whether or not a charitable organization is legitimate or not. What we are doing in LB 1232 is we are restricting the pickle card industry. We are putting requirements, controls and regulations into the pickle card industry that haven't been there in the past. One of the big questions is, is to ask why, I guess, why haven't they been there in the past? I blame much of the problems that we have had today, much of the controversy that's been raised to the Revenue Department for their either inability or